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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND ATTITUDES TOWARD NIGERIA

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1. NIGERIA HAS GOOD IMAGE IN SWAZILAND. MAY BECOME CUSTOMER FOR TELEVISION SETS ASSEMBLED IN SWAZILAND. SWAZILAND SENT LARGE DELEGATION TO LAGOS BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL. NO INDICATION HERE THAT GOS HAS ANY RESERVATIONS ABOUT PRESENT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. AS FOR NIGERIA'S ROLE IN AFRICA, SWAZILAND PROBABALY WELCOMES ANY NIGERIAN INITIATIVE OR INPUT THAT PROMOTES PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA.

3. SWAZILAND'S POSITION ON NIGERIA AS SPOKESMAN FOR AFRICA DEPENDS ON ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION. SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL AND GRC, SWAZILAND COULD HARDLY ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH NIGERIAN (OR OTHER) STATEMENTS THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THOSE RELATIONS. SAME CAVEAT WOULD PROBABALY APPLY TO ANY EXTREME NIGERIAN PRONOUNCEMENTS ON SUBJECT OF RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, OWING TO SWAZILAND'S ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA.
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ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, PASSIVE AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL SWAZIS UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME STRONG NIGERIAN APPROACHES ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECOGNIZE NIGERIA AS SPOKESMAN ON BROAD RANGE OF MATTERS UNDER THAT HEADING.
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